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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI WARNS AGAINST PULL- OUT OF BRITISH INVESTMENT

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DAILY NEWS MARCH 21 CHIEF
GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR KWAZULU, CONDEMNED
BRITISH LABOR MPS AND BRITISH ANTI- APARTHEID MOVEMENT FOR
ADVOCATING " STERILE EXERCISE OF WITHDRAWING BRITISH CAPITAL
FROM SOUTH AFRICA". SUCH TACTIC, HE SAID, WOULD NOT HELP
HIS PEOPLE. POVERTY AMONG AMAZULU IS ALL CONSUMING AND EACH
JO B, NO MATTER HOW MENIAL, CAN MEAN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE
AND DEATH FOR A WORKER AND FAMILY.

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2. DURING RECENT EUROPEAN TOUR BUTHELEZI SAID MANY SAW WITHDRAWAL OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT AS GOOD WAY PRECIPITATE REVOLUTION IN SA. HIS RESPONSE: " IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO ADVOCATE PLACING UNARMED PEOPLE AT MERCY OF A PEOPLE ARMED TO THE TEETH. IT WOULD LEAD OUR PEOPLE TO CERTAIN SUICIDE."

3. WHILE ACCEPTING RIGHT OF BRITISH TO WITHDRAW AS MATTER OF CONSCIENCE, BUTHELEZI STRESSED HIGHER PRIORITY OF BRITISH FIRMS PAY RATE FOR JOB AND CREATE SOCIAL BENEFITS AS " MATTER OF COURIFIED

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